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Amendments to the Drawings:

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. In the Office Action mailed May 10, 2005, claims 1 and 10-12 have been rejected, claims 16 and 17 have been allowed, claims 2-9, 13-15 and drawing sheet 1 have been objected to, and numerous objections to the specification have been made. In response, the Applicants have submitted the following remarks, submitted a replacement drawing sheet 1, cancelled claim 1, amended claims 2, 7, 8 and 10-12 and have amended the specification accordingly. Therefore, claims 2-17 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the remarks below.

Drawing Objections

Within the Office Action, it is stated that the drawings have been objected to because the reference numeral 42 has not been described in the specification. The Applicants respectfully submit replacement sheet 1 showing an amended Figure 2 that does not include the reference numeral 42. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Objections to the Specification

Within the Office Action, it is stated that the disclosure has been objected to because of a number of informalities. The Applicants have amended the specification according to the objections listed by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the specification.

Claim Objections

Within the Office Action, claims 7-9 have been objected to due to a number of informalities. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 8 have been amended to remedy those informalities, and that claim 9 indeed did not include an informality.

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Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the claims be withdrawn.

Objections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,499,673 to Lobl (hereinafter Lobl). The Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 has been cancelled and that claims 10-12 have been amended to depend upon allowable subject matter as will be described below. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-12 are now in a condition for allowance.

Indications of Allowable Subject Matter

Within the Office Action, it is stated that claims 2-6 and 13-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended claim 2 to include all of the limitations of the base claim. The Applicants respectfully submit that claim 2 is now in a condition for allowance.

Additionally, claims 3-6, 7-9 and 13-15 are dependent upon the independent claim 2. As described above, the independent claim 2 is allowable. Accordingly, claims 2-6, 7-9 and 13-15 are also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim. Within the Office Action, claims 16 and 17 have been allowed. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any

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questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at 414-271-7590 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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